

**German Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Federal Government  
Commissioner for Culture and the Media and the Council of Europe:**

**Webinar on the impact of COVID-19 on media freedom**

**7 May 2021**

**Agenda**

14.00	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <p><b>Michael Roth</b>, Minister of State for Europe at the Federal Foreign Office, Germany</p> <p><b>Marija Pejčinović Burić</b>, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p>
14.20	<p><b>Opening video clip</b></p>
14.30	<p><b>Welcome Address</b></p> <p><b>Xing Qu</b>, Deputy Director-General, UNESCO</p>
14.40	<p><b>Panel 1</b></p> <p>The panel will focus on human rights standards related to freedom of expression and media freedom during health crisis, the responses of States and the media sector, and good practices and recommendations for mitigating the pandemic.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Darian Pavli</b>, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights</li><li>2. <b>Christian Mihr</b>, Director, Reporters without Borders (RSF), Germany</li><li>3. <b>Elfa Ýr Gylfadóttir</b>, Director of the Media Commission, Iceland</li><li>4. <b>Christos Giakoumopoulos</b>, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe</li></ol>
15.40	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
15:50	<p><b>Panel 2</b></p> <p>The panel will focus on the situation of journalists and media actors on the ground during the pandemic, the increased demand for accurate and timely news as well as the short- and long-term effects of COVID-19 on the media.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Scott Griffen</b>, Deputy Director, International Press Institute</li></ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. <b>Meera Selva</b>, Deputy Director of the Reuters Institute and Director of Fellowship Programmes</li> <li>3. <b>Patrick H. Leusch</b>, Head European Affairs, Director General Office, Deutsche Welle</li> <li>4. <b>Kristin Olson</b>, Principal Adviser, Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media</li> </ol>
16:50	<p><b>Final remarks</b></p> <p><b>Rik Daems</b>, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe</p>